

REMARKS

Claims 8 - 12 remain active in this application. Claims 13 - 20 have previously been canceled. Cancellation of claims 1 - 7 has been requested above. Claim 8, which has been indicated to be drawn to allowable subject matter, has been rewritten in independent form including revision of grammar and antecedent language correspondence where appropriate and removal of ordinal references which appeared to be potentially confusing in claims 8 and 9, as discussed by telephone with the Examiner on August 10, 2005. No new matter has been introduced into the application.

Claims 1 - 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Kumagai et al. This sole ground of rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record and, particularly as having been rendered moot by the above request for cancellation of claims 1 - 7. Accordingly, upon entry of the above amendment as provided by 35 C.F.R. §1.116, withdrawal of this sole ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to claims 8 - 12 as depending from a rejected claim. This ground of rejection is also respectfully traversed since the rewriting of claim 8 in independent form containing the entirety of claim 1 as finally rejected has been requested above. Accordingly, upon entry of the above-requested amendment, withdrawal of this ground of objection is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully submitted to be in order since the cancellation of claims 1 - 7 and the rewriting of claim 8 in independent form *prima facie* places the entire application in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner become aware of any other issue remaining in

this application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone at the number provided below in order to expeditiously resolve the same.

Since all rejections, objections and requirements contained in the outstanding official action have been fully answered and shown to be in error and/or inapplicable to the present claims, it is respectfully submitted that reconsideration is now in order under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and such reconsideration is respectfully requested. Upon reconsideration, it is also respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is therefore respectfully requested.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 of International Business Machines Corporation (East Fishkill).

Respectfully submitted,



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